THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that no specific survey has been conducted in this regard. However, the detection and removal of various types of encroachments on DDA lands, including those close to various religious places, is a continuous process. As and when such encroachments are noticed, these are removed for clearing the disruptions in thoroughf ares.

World Bank Loan for Control of AIDS

3422. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India took some loan in 1992 from the World Bank to combat AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the said loan has so far been spent for the purpose for which it was obtained and the achievements made in combating AIDS;

(d) whether a fresh loan is being sought from the World Bank to carry on programme of combating AIDS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A scheme for Prevention and Control of AIDS in India was launched in September, 1992 with a World Bank credit of US Dollar 84 million. The following are the components of the programme :

(a) Strengthening the management capacity for HIV control;

(b) Promoting awarenss and Community support;

(c) Improving the Blood Safety and its rational use;

(d) Building surveillance and Clinical Management capacity; and

(e) Controlling Sexually Transmitted Dieases.

The credit is disbursed on submission of reimbursement claims to World Bank through Controller of Aid Accounts and Audit and as of 31st March, 1997, an amount of US Dollar 52.59 million has been received by Government of India.

The AIDS Control Programme has made significant progress in the country and State AIDS Cells have been established in all the States and Union Territories for implementing the National AIDS Control Project; 815 Blood Bank being modernised; 504 STD Clinics strengthened; Surveillance activities with the help of 62 Surveillance Centres and 55 Sentinel Sites are being monitored; National and State Blood Transfusion Councils have been established; awareness programme has been launched with the help of Doordarshan, Radio and mass campaigns and all the States/UTs are participating in the implementation of the approved scheme.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The second HIV AIDS Control Project for the Ninth Five Year Plan period is under preparation and is expected to be finalised shortly.

Expansion of Central Homoeopathic Research Centre

3423. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of Central Homoeopathic Research Centres, Sachivothamapuram Kurichy, Kottyam, Kerala and under the consideration of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and fully funded by the Central Government, have a proposal for construction of a new building for the Central Research Institute (Homoeopathy) at Kottayam on land allotted by the Government of Kerala at an estimated Cost of Rs. 5 crores. The implementation of the proposal is however subject to and availability of adequate funds send other clearances.

Ukraine Tanks to Pakistan

3424. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Ukraine has begun delivery of its order of 320 and T-80 main battle tanks to Pakistan;

(b) whether Russian Government has refused export permits for Russian components of the tank to Ukraine so that Pakistan order may not be completed;

(c) whether Government of India has taken up this issue with the Russian Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In response to approaches made by the Government of India, and on their own initiative, the Russian authorities have given high level assurances of Russia's non-cooperation with Ukraine as regards fulfilling of the Ukrainian-Pakistan T-80 UD tank deal. This commitment has been adhered to by the Russian side.